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Park Concerts, Glory Daze Return

Summertime Brings No Easy Living for City Staff

Summertime, and the living is easy....unless you're working for the City of Broken Arrow!

In addition to the jobs which simply get a lot hotter and tougher in the summer, City workers will once again this year be kept even busier due to some special projects -- including the return of Glory Daze.

That July 4 Family Fireworks Spectacular will be back at Indian Springs Sports Complex and will feature one of the state's biggest and best fireworks displays.

Leading up to the big bang on on the 4th will be the annual "Tuesdays in the Park" concerts, which this summer will feature three-time national fiddle champion Byron Berline and his bluegrass band.

And you can throw in the extra effort and personnel it takes to help keep the area cooler during the summertime -- the City's public swimming pools and Learn to Swim lessons. The Family Aquatic Center opens each year on the Memorial Day weekend (May 24 this year), while the lessons begin at the old Central Pool on June 2. Registrations are still being taken for lessons.

Glory Daze was held at ISSC in 1999 and again in 2000, bringing huge crowds for family fun. This year's event will be part of the city's Centennial Celebration. That celebration began last October and will continue through October of this year.

In addition to the fireworks display starting at dusk, there will be large inflatable games, food, entertainment and fun for all ages. Shuttle buses will run from 3 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. from several convenient locations. There will be a nominal fee for those taking the buses. There will also be a limited number of on-site parking passes available for \$10 per car load. No coolers, ice chests, alcohol, pets or fireworks will be allowed in the park.

Berline will be the biggest headliner to be show-

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TAKING THE OATH -- Broken Arrow's City Council has a new look after two new members were sworn in at the April 7 meeting. Taking the oath were (from left) incumbent At-Large Councilor Wade McCaleb, who won without an opponent; and Councilwoman Melissa Mahan from Ward 4 and Councilor Tom Chatterton (Ward 3). They all began four-year terms.

Flag Day 2003 Bigger, Better

Last spring a committee appointed by the City Council to come up with patriotic projects for Broken Arrow put together a Flag Day celebration -- complete with a parade, military vehicles and honor guards and speakers and performers at Central Park.

This year the committee is working on an even bigger and better Flag Day. Making the expanded ceremony possible is the fact that Flag Day falls on a Saturday. Last year it was on a Friday, and the

parade and other activities couldn't begin until folks were getting off work.

The parade on June 14 will start at 10 a.m. on Main Street, and continue on to Central Park. There will once again be military and law enforcement honor guards featured in the parade.

Entertainers and speakers at Central Park include the Tulsa Pipe and Drum, Tulsa Community Band, Laura Lynn Hauck, Sara Jordon Powell, Mayor Richard Carter and more.

Youth Soccer Booming; New Fields Answer Need

Youth soccer just keeps getting more and more popular in Broken Arrow, a fact which keeps the City scrambling to keep pace.

The expansion of the Indian Springs Sports Complex to the west side of Aspen this year has been a big step in the right direction. There are new fields and a new concessions stand and parking area in the expansion. There are still soccer fields on the east side of Aspen as well. Another major improvement to the ISSC has been the widening of Aspen to five lanes from Jasper (131st) to the entrance to the fields.

The Broken Arrow Soccer Club currently has about 2000 registered players in both the competitive and recreational divisions. Spring and summer leagues are currently in full bloom, but registration for the Fall 2003 leagues will be held in May and June and through July 12 at the BASC office (803 N. Elm, one block south of Kenosha next to the Bryce Realty building, with an entrance from the east side).

Office hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and on Mondays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. There are also two Saturday registrations scheduled: July 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and July 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There are recreational programs for youth from 5 to 19. A child must be at least 5 years old before Aug. 1 to be eligible to play this fall. Children must live within the Broken Arrow school district boundaries, even if they go to private schools, in order to play in the BASC recreational programs. The competitive division teams (HFC) may pick players from anywhere in Broken Arrow, Tulsa and surrounding areas.

Beginning with the Spring 2002 soccer season, the Oklahoma Soccer Association requires the birth certificate from every registered player in every age division -- one time only. A "certified" original copy of the birth certificate and a copy of that birth certificate must be brought to the BASC office to register (if the child did not play in 2002 or Spring 2003). The original will be verified by stamping the copy, and the original will be immediately returned.

Practice will begin as soon as coaches pick up their rosters, which is mid-August. Recreational and competitive league games begin Sept. 6 and run through Nov. 8. All home games for the older teams and all games for younger teams are played on Saturdays at the Indian Springs Soccer Complex.

There is additional information on recreational registration, as well as season activity updates on the BASC website (www.brokenarrowsoccerclub.org). Tryout information for the HFC teams is also available. The Under 11-14 HFC tryouts will be June 9-22, and 15-19 tryouts will be July 7-20. There will be an International Soccer Camp June 16-20 at ISSC and the British Soccer Camp July 7-11.



BYRON BERLINE COMING TO CENTRAL PARK -- The Tuesday Concerts in Central Park this June will feature famous bluegrass fiddler Byron Berline and his band on June 17. The concerts are free and open to the public.

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cased in the concert series since it began five years ago. He and his band will be on the mobile stage in Central Park on June 24.

The series is presented in a joint effort of the Broken Arrow Arts & Humanities Council, City of Broken Arrow, Broken Arrow Parks Department, the Centennial Committee and other local sponsors. The concerts are free and open to the public. They begin about 6:30 p.m. and last until 9 p.m. Those in attendance are welcome to bring lawn chairs, blankets, picnic baskets, etc. No alcoholic beverages are allowed. Concessions are available.

Opening the series June 3 will be a night of gospel music, featuring some of the area's top church choirs and quartets. Then on June 10 the focus will shift to rock music of the 50s, 60s and 70s. Mid Life Crisis, a classic rock band from the Tulsa area who have been entertaining the local and regional corporate world for a number of years, will perform.

Berline's early career with the fiddle got him together with bluegrass legends such as Bill Monroe, Dillard and Clark and Country Gazette. He moved to Los Angeles in 1969 and soon became one of the most popular fiddlers around. He has performed with The Rolling Stones, The Eagles, The Band, The Byrds, Elton John, Alabama and many more.

Harmony House Guitars owner Bert McCuthan will be giving away an acoustic guitar worth about \$500 during that show.

Wrapping up the June series will be a Big Band Night June 24 with the 18-piece orchestra Bella Vista from Arkansas.

Youth Football Tackles Rapid Growth Problem

When the Broken Arrow Youth Football program began in 1984 there were three teams with cheerleaders -- fewer than 100 participants.

Broken Arrow, however, has always been a football town. It wasn't long before BAYFA was one of the biggest and busiest youth sports organizations in the metro Tulsa area.

Tom Lott, the full-time director of the organization, knows quite well the meaning of the term "bursting at the seams." Last year BAYFA fielded 32 tackle football teams, 21 flag teams and 370 cheerleaders -- 1,250 youngsters.

During times when youth baseball, basketball, softball and soccer programs were needing help due to growth problems, Lott and the youth football folks were doing all they could to support bond issues that helped provide new facilities. In the 2000 bond issue there were funds to start a new youth football complex. Those fields will be built at the new Nienhuis Park, just off Lynn Lane between 51st and 61st. The new fields are going to be needed quickly.

"We're fortunate that the new high school stadium was available for us this past year," said Lott. "We couldn't play on South Intermediate part of the year because of expansion work."

The BAYFA teams use South, Kirkland Field at NIHS and sometimes the artificial turf at Memorial Stadium. Finding places for practice is getting tougher each year -- as it is for all youth sports teams. Flag games are at Indian Springs.

Registration in the youth football programs rose by more than 400 last year. Some of that was due to the start of the "Mighty Mite" flag football league for youngsters in grades 1 through 3. Prior to that time, tackle football had been limited to teams in the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th grades. Once students are in the 8th grade, they play on school teams.

Games are played all day Saturday, starting at 8 a.m. and continuing on into the night during August through November. BAYFA also staffs concessions stands at its games. The organization provides full equipment for players. The registration fee is \$140, but includes the helmet, shoulder pads, game pants, 7-piece pad set, game jersey and medical insurance.

Registration is held in the Youth Sports Offices at 1005 S. Main -- a facility built by Lott and BAYFA that includes a warehouse for equipment, offices for youth football, baseball and basketball, meeting rooms and even a large conference center on the north side. The date for tackle registration this year is July 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A sports physical is required. Players will be fitted for equipment that day. Flag registration (\$80) can be done anytime Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., June through August. A flag belt with flag, participation trophy and medical insurance are included.



NEW LOOK, NEW ADDRESS -- The City of Broken Arrow municipal information web site has a new look and a new address -- in each case designed to make it easier for those looking for that information. Thenew URL is www.brokenarrowok.gov. The new site has five primary divisions: About Broken Arrow, Our Citizens, Our Visitors, Help Build BA and Moving to BA. There is also a separate link to helpful phone numbers.

Flooding No Big Problem in BA; You Can Help Keep It That Way

This year marks the end of a decade of Broken Arrow's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System. The City had actually been enforcing stormwater controls on developments for many years prior to that participation.

Audits of cities lead to a rating in points that can help lower flood insurance rates. Broken Arrow's rating has gone from a 9 to an 8 and, engineering officials predict, will be even lower later this year.

Lowering that rating, however, is tough because cities with a history of little flooding problems have a tougher time improving their situations. In 1992 only six structures within the BA city limits were listed as repetitive loss structures (compared to 1,000 in Tulsa). Tulsa has reduced its list to 123. Broken Arrow has reduced its to five.

May is annually Flood Awareness Month in Oklahoma, and for good reason. Heavy rains often come in that month. The City of Broken Arrow urges homeowners, business owners and renters to check their homeowners insurance policies. Those do not cover damage from floods. Damage is covered only under a flood insurance policy through the National Flood Insurance Program. Thirty percent of the claims paid last year were paid on homes outside the 100 year floodplain. For information on the floodplain in your area, or to report illegal floodplain development, call 259-8345 or 258-3587.

Deputy Fire Chief Neely Gets Summer Harvard Fellowship

Broken Arrow Deputy Fire Chief Greg Neely has earned a \$10,000 fellowship to a 3-week program this summer at Harvard University. He is the first fire officer from the state of Oklahoma to receive the fellowship.

Neely will be joining fire executives and other state and local government officials in the program, which is jointly sponsored by the United States Fire Administration, International Association of Fire Chiefs, International Fire Service Training Association and National Fire Protection Association. There were 160 nationwide who applied for the eight fellowships.



CONGRATULATIONS -- Newly elected Mayor Richard Carter (left) congratulates newly elected Vice-Mayor Craig Thurmond at the April 7 City Council meeting.



FLAG DAY IN BROKEN ARROW, AMERICA -- This photo from last year's Flag Day parade says more than one thousand words. The 2003 Flag Day in BA promises to be even bigger and better.

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